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Secretary Yeutter Visits FNS and Shares Memories

A bright yellow-striped canopy under a sunny sky, balloons in the breeze, and a wholesale turnout of FNS employees greeted Secretary Clayton Yeutter at the agency's 20th Anniversary celebration on August 9.



Secretary Yeutter presents a plaque to Acting Administrator Scott Dunn in commemoration of the FNS 20th Anniversary. Sharing the moment is Assistant Secretary Ann Chadwick and Acting Associate Administrator George Braley.

After a reception with agency officials, the Secretary spoke to an audience gathered on an outdoor plaza. He reminisced about his previous association with FNS, spoke of the growth of the major food programs, and outlined the issues that confront FNS now and in the next few years.

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Headquarters PI Staff Welcomes Directors to Summer in DC

Information directors from the seven FNS regions came to Washington in August for their annual meeting and opportunity to touch base with the headquarters staff.

In addition to program and legislative updates, the 3-day meeting in Washington featured discussions with Acting Assistant Secretary Ann Chadwick and Acting Administrator Scott Dunn. Kelly Shipp, press secretary for Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, was the keynote speaker at the meeting's opening-day luncheon.

The directors also had the chance to do some socializing with headquarters Public Information staff. An informal cocktail party followed the first day's meetings, and the second day ended with dinner aboard a Potomac River cruise boat.

Maria Falcone, director of the Office of Government Affairs and Public Information, and John Webster, director of the Public Information Staff, led the meetings. The seven regional directors attending were Judy Snow of SWRO; Charles DeJulius of NERO; Joe Dunphy of MARO; Lawrence Rudmann of MWRO; Craig Forman of MPRO; Jerry Redding of SERO; and Dick Montoya of WRO.

-Story by Phil Shanholtzer
Public Information Staff



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The memories--which some long-term employees in the audience shared--stemmed back to Yeutter's earlier service as administrator of the Consumer and Marketing Service in 1970 and 1971, and as Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services in 1973 and 1974.

In particular, he recalled fondly his visits to regional offices: "It seemed to me they were all being run professionally. We had a first-class group of administrators, and I was impressed at their sophisticated handling of a workload that was growing very rapidly even then."

Also memorable, he said, was a visit to Pineville, Kentucky, to launch the WIC program: "I was a proponent of WIC back in the days when a lot of folks weren't, because I felt it was a good way to pinpoint food into a segment of our population that badly needed it, and that we would probably get a greater nutritional payoff from WIC than just about anything we did."

Compared to those days, Yeutter said, today's statistics are "just mind-boggling."

He noted that 3 million people were getting food stamps in 1969; today, that number has risen to 19 million. A \$10 million dollar WIC program has grown into a \$2 billion operation.

Looking to the future, he said that environmental questions would be on the front burner--ground water quality, food inspection, food grading, pesticide use and residues, clean air--a whole host of issues to deal with simultaneously, and some of which have direct implications for FNS.

"Our hands will be full as we approach this agenda at a time of severe budget constraints," he said, but expressed confidence that FNS would not only get the job done but have fun doing the difficult.

In closing, the Secretary said, "It's good to review these memories, and it's great to be back." Acting Adminis-

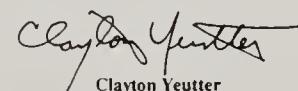


trator Scott Dunn presented him with a designer T-shirt to mark the occasion. On the front is the 20th Anniversary logo and, on the back, the symbol of the Secretary's place on the FNS team: "Yeutter--#1."

-Story by Wini Scheffler
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Clayton Yeutter
Secretary of Agriculture

August 8, 1989

Task Force Formed to Examine Unauthorized Stores

A task force under the direction of Acting Deputy Administrator Bonny O'Neil has been established to deal with unauthorized stores accepting food stamps. Members include representatives from the Offices of the Inspector General (OIG), the General Counsel (OGC), the U.S. Secret Service state and local prosecution agencies, the Benefit Redemption Division, the Mid-Atlantic Region, and the Trenton Compliance Branch Area Office.

The first meeting focused on identifying ways to give FNS greater control over unauthorized store violations. At the second meeting, the group adopted recommendations that will be presented to Acting Administrator Scott Dunn for his consideration. An ongoing liaison committee is being created with representatives from FNS, OIG, and OGC to monitor activities resulting from the recommendations of the task force.



During a break in the task force meeting, OGC Attorney Lynn Ahwesh commented, "This coffee is easier to swallow than that last recommendation." Seated (left to right) are Joe McLin, Compliance Branch task force coordinator; Frank Falivena, assistant prosecutor, Essex County Attorney's Office; Lynn Ahwesh; Joe Yarrish, assistant regional inspector general, OIG-New York City; and Dave Dickson, OIG, Washington, DC.

-Story by Joe McLin
Benefit Redemption Division
Photo by Pamela Faith
Public Information Staff

MWRO/MPRO Nutritionists Meet



MWRO nutritionist Robert Dean and MPRO Nutrition Director Esther Eicher discussed the recent successful "Making Food Dollars Count" workshop that MWRO sponsored in East St. Louis, Illinois. Both nutritionists also participated in the national meeting for the Society for Nutrition Education held in Chicago.

-Story and photo by Mary Jane Getlinger
MWRO Public Affairs Staff

Ray Pugh Thanks His Friends

To My FNS Friends:

As many of you know, I had a series of heart attacks in August followed by open heart surgery on August 27. I came home from the hospital on September 5 and am feeling better and stronger each day.

I want to thank you for the many expressions of concern and support and all the prayers and best wishes that came with them. The beautiful plant and the many cards helped Bev, my children, and me through some difficult days.

I hope to see all of you in the near future.

Sincerely,
Ray Pugh

WRO/SWRO Top State Officials Meet in Phoenix

Linda Moore-Cannon, newly appointed director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security, joined (above, left to right) SWRO's Administrator Gene Dickey and WRO's Acting Regional Administrator Jack Boozer in welcoming top officials from 12 WRO/SWRO states to the third Biregional Executive Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. They were followed by Bonny O'Neil, acting deputy administrator of the Food Stamp Program, who presented a session on food stamp legislation and policy. Deputy Administrator for Management Joe Leo is seated to the right.

Other speakers were Dickey (below, at podium) with a session on "Employment and Training and Benefit Delivery;" Boozer on "Error Reduction and Welfare Reform;" and a roundtable forum on stat concerns moderated by O'Neil (seated to the right). The final presentation, "Dollars for Automation vs. Performance," was presented by Leo.

Participants agreed to hold another executive conference next year and recommended that the states' food stamp directors meet as well.



-Story and photos by Dick Montoya
WRO Public Affairs Staff

Approximate Energy Expenditure by a Healthy Adult Weighing About 150 Pounds

Activity	Calories per hour
Lying quietly	80-100
Sitting quietly	85-105
Standing quietly	100-120
Walking slowly, 2 1/2 mph	210-230
Walking quickly, 4 mph	315-345
Light work, such as ballroom dancing; cleaning house; office work; shopping	125-310

Moderate work, such as
cycling, 9 mph;

jogging, 6 mph;

tennis;

scrubbing floors;

weeding garden

315-480

Hard work, such as

aerobic dancing;

basketball;

chopping wood;

cross-country skiing;

running, 7 mph;

shoveling snow;

spading garden;

swimming, "crawl"

480-625

Source: Based on material compiled by Robert E. Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois.

HURRICANE HUGO
Fact Sheet
September 28, 1989

GENERAL:

- Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on September 16 and the Carolinas on September 21, causing extensive damage.
- There are three kinds of food assistance provided by FNS in disaster situations:
 - Food for congregate feeding which are released by school lunch officials or transferred from USDA warehouses.
 - Food packages for household distribution, authorized by the Secretary in Presidential-declared disasters when commercial food channels have been significantly disrupted.
 - Emergency food stamps, authorized by the FNS administrator for households in designated areas after commercial channels have been restored. States may also be authorized to issue replacement coupons to current food stamp recipients who lost either food stamps or food in the disaster.
- In addition, there are private donations (formula manufacturers donating infant formula to Caribbean and South Carolina, food stores donating water and food in South Carolina, etc.).

MAINLAND USA:

- As of September 27, USDA had provided over 355,000 lbs. of food valued at \$201,000 for shelter feeding:
 - approximately 255,000 lbs. of food in Charleston County;
 - over 60,000 lbs. in Berkeley County;
 - and 40,000 lbs in Clarendon, Georgetown, Colleton and Sumter Counties.
- As of September 27, a total of nearly 700,000 lbs. of food valued at \$375,608 had been provided for household distribution. Emergency issuance of commodities to households was approved through September 29 for Charleston, Berkeley, Sumter, Dorchester, Georgetown, Lee, York, and parts of Orangeburg Counties.
- Reporting is not yet complete, but data as of September 27 indicate:
 - household distribution of 200,000 lbs. of food was made to an estimated 5,500 households in Dorchester County;
 - 150,000 lbs. of food was distributed to an estimated 4,500 households in parts of Orangeburg County;
 - 160,000 lbs. of food was distributed to Berkeley County;
 - 80,000 lbs. of food was distributed to approximately 3,200 households in Sumter County;
 - 80,000 lbs. of food was distributed in York County;
 - 20,000 lbs. of food was distributed in Lee County; and

- Charleston County did not have a household distribution, choosing instead to wait for emergency issuance of food stamps.
- . Household distribution in an additional five counties was denied primarily because those counties had not received Presidential disaster declarations, a prerequisite for approval.
- . Commodities are being taken from South Carolina's TEFAP inventory; from school and school warehouse inventories; and are being donated by neighboring States, particularly North Carolina and Georgia.
- . 500 cases of ready-to-feed infant formula donated by Ross Laboratories and local hospitals have been sent to Charleston.
- . USDA has received and approved a request for emergency issuance of food stamps in the 16 counties receiving Presidential disaster declaration (Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Orangeburg, Sumter, Williamsburg, and York), and Chester County, which is not part of the Presidential declaration. Several other counties may yet request emergency food stamps.
- . Charleston, Fairfield, Georgetown, Horry, Orangeburg, and Sumter Counties began food stamp certification and issuance 9/28; Berkeley, Clarendon, Dorchester, Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Williamsburg, and Lee counties will begin issuance 9/29; Calhoun, Florence, and York will begin certification and issuance on 9/30.
- . Major food store chains are now operating on at least a limited basis in all counties. Preliminary Red Cross figures indicate that a minimum of 27,705 households have been affected by the disaster and are in need of emergency food stamps.

CARIBBEAN

- Both Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands have received Presidential disaster declarations.
- About 10,000 people are being fed with USDA foods and private donations at 152 congregate feeding sites in Puerto Rico; an estimated 70,000 people are being fed through household distributions and congregate feeding in the Virgin Islands.
- Household feeding will continue on St. Croix until commercial food channels are restored; commercial channels have been restored on St. Thomas and St. John, and those islands received authorization to begin issuing emergency food stamps on Sep-tember 27 (estimated participation of 12,000 households).
- \$9 million in Section 32 funds has been authorized for the purchase of food to feed the disaster victims and workers.
- St.Croix has critical food shortages; about 400,000-500,000 million pounds of USDA foods have been airlifted to the islands by military aircraft to help feed about 43,000 people, 25,000 of whom are homeless. Five more planeloads of food will be sent before October 1.

Food Programs Participation Update

Following are preliminary estimates of participation in the Federal-State food assistance programs for the month of July with comparisons to the previous month and to the same month of last year.

	July 1988	June 1989	July 1989 2/
<u>Food Stamp Program:</u> 1/			
People participating (mil.)	18.4	18.8	18.7
Value of bonus coupons (\$ mil.)	908.0	968.6	962.4
Average bonus per person	\$ 49.32	\$ 51.49	\$ 51.58
Total program cost (\$ mil.).....	1,008.6	1,071.1	1,065.0
<u>Child Care Food Program:</u>			
Number of meals served in centers (mil.)	26.1	35.4	32.6
Number of meals served in homes (mil.)	27.9	36.6	34.0
Percentage of all meals served free	77.4	78.1	78.8
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	43.1	56.2	55.5
<u>Summer Food Service Program:</u>			
Number of meals served (mil.)	42.1	17.4	42.8
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	69.3	31.0	73.2
<u>Special Supplemental Food Program (WIC):</u>			
People participating (mil.)	3.7	4.2	4.3
Food cost (\$ mil.)	120.5	125.5	127.0
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	151.4	157.1	155.8
<u>Commodity Supplemental Food Program:</u> 3/			
People participating (thous.)	205.5	248.4	256.1
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	3.4	4.1	3.6
<u>Food Distribution to Indians and Needy Families:</u>			
Number of projects in operation	108	109	109
People participating (thous.)	137.0	144.8	145.3
Total program cost (\$ mil.)	4.3	4.9	4.7
<u>TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:</u>			
Total USDA cost (\$ mil.).....	28.5	25.0	18.4

1/ Puerto Rico has been excluded from all months.

2/ Data collected as of September 26, 1989.

3/ Includes data for all elderly participants.

Note: No data are provided for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs during the summer months.

Friday Letter Vacancy Listing by Vacancy Number

JOB TITLE	AREA OF CONSID.	SERIES	GRADE	CLOSING DATE	VACANCY NUMBER	OFFICE LOCATION
o Systems Accountant	(A)	GS-0510	9/11	10/04/89	89-164	ACD
o Management Analyst	(G)	GS-0343	11	10/03/89	89-165	IRMD
o Management Analyst	(A)	GS-0343	7	10/03/89	89-166	IRMD
o Program Analyst	(A)	GS-0345	11/12	10/03/89	89-167	OAE
o Clerk-Typist	(G)	GS-0322	3/4	10/10/89	89-175	FSP*
o Secretary Typing	(G)	GS-0318	5/6	10/10/89	89-176	ORO*
o Public Affairs Spec.	(A)	GS-1035	7	10/10/89	89-177	OGAPI
o Food Program Spec.	(G)	GS-0120	12	10/02/89	89-178	CND
o Food Program Spec.	(A)	GS-0120	12	10/02/89	89-178A	CND
o Program Analyst	(A)	GS-0345	9/11	10/20/89	89-179	OAE
o Printing Specialist	(HNIS-W)	GS-1654	7	10/05/89	89-H-180	HNIS
o Nutritionist	(HNIS-W)	GS-0630	13	10/05/89	89-H-181	HNIS
o Program Analyst	(FNS-N)	GS-0345	13	10/16/89	89-182	OAE
o Management Analyst	(FNS-N)	GM-0343	13	10/17/89	89-183	ORO
o Food Program Spec.	(FNS-HQ)	GS-0120	12	10/16/89	89-184	NTSD
o Food Program Spec.	(A)	GS-0120	12	10/16/89	89-184A	NTSD

Office Location

ACD - Accounting Division
 ORO - Office of Regional Operations
 IRMD - Information Resources Mgmt. Div.
 CND - Child Nutrition Division
 HNIS - Human Nutrition Information Service
 OAE - Office of Analysis and Evaluation
 NTSD - Nutrition & Technical Services Div.
 OGAPI - Office of Governmental Affairs
 and Public Information
 FSP* - Food Stamp Program
 Memphis, TN
 ORO* - Office of Regional Operations
 Tucker, GA

Area of Consideration

(A)	- All Sources
(FNS-N)	- Food and Nutrition Service - Nationwide
(FNS-HQ)	- Food and Nutrition Service-Headquarters
(G)	- Governmentwide
(HNIS-W)	- HNIS-wide

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